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REMARKS/ELECTION

The Examiner has required an election from among the following four groups of claims:

Group I: (Claims 5-13, 22-33 and 35) - directed to a process for producing hydrogen cyanide;

Group II: (Claims 14-17) - directed to an apparatus;

Group III: (Claims 36-47 and 61-66) - directed to a method of producing hydrogen cyanide; and

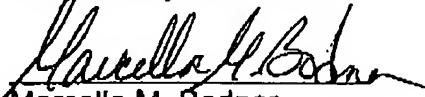
Group IV: (Claims 55-60) - drawn to an apparatus

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (i.e., Claims 5-13, 22-33 and 35), directed to a process for producing hydrogen cyanide. It is understood that Applicants retain the right to file one or more divisional U.S. patent applications directed to the claims of the non-elected groups (i.e., Groups II, III and IV) at any time during the pendency of the present application. Moreover, Applicants hereby reserve the right to petition for rejoinder of the claims of one or more of the non-elected Groups, pursuant to MPEP § 806.05.

In view of the foregoing election and comments, Applicants respectfully request that the present application, including elected Claims 5-13, 22-33 and 35, now be examined on the merits.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the submission of this Election. If, however, any such fees are due, including extension and petition fees, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 18-1850.

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